taken up by the Government of India with the Government of Nepal, including at the highest levels. The Government of Nepal has been, requested to investigate these cases and provide adequate security and safety to all Indians, whose welfare and security is of prime concern to the Government of India.

(c) The Government of Nepal has assured us of its full cooperation in this regard.

(d) No.

Number of PoWs in Pakistani Jails

†1065. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Prisoners of War (PoWs) in Pakistani jails;

(b) whether a list of their names was asked for during his recent visit to Pakistan;

(c) if so, whether it was obtained;

(d) if not, whether it would be obtained in future; and

(e) whether any scheme is under consideration of Government for sending the relatives of war-prisoners to Pakistan to find them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) According to available information, there are 74 Indian PoWs in Pakistani jails.

(b) to (d) Pakistan avers that no Indian prisoner of war is in its jails.

(e) During his visit to Pakistan in January 2007, the External Affairs Minister reiterated India's request for a visit by the families of the missing defence personnel to jails in Pakistan. President Musharraf agreed to accept a delegation of families of PoWs. Government have proposed the visit of a delegation to Pakistan in April 2007.

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